

Phage-Based Therapies

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The context

"Then there is the danger that the ignorant man may easily underdose himself and by exposing his microbes to non-lethal quantities of the drug make them resistant."

A. Fleming. Nobel Lecture **Dec. 11, 1945**

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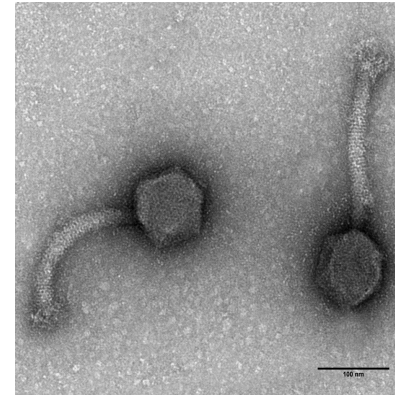
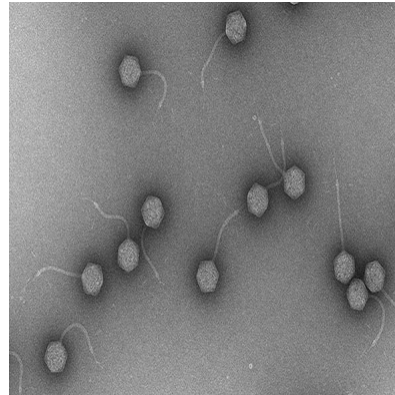
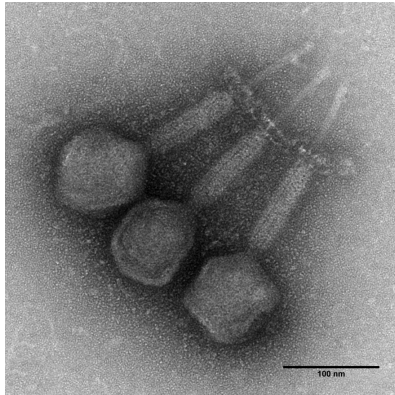
The facts

- Patients continue to be victims of antibiotic treatment failures
- Infectious diseases due to bacterial resistance could become orphan diseases

Alternative and complementary strategies ?

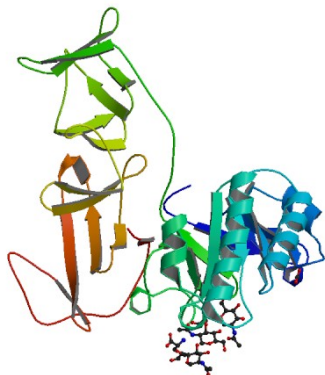
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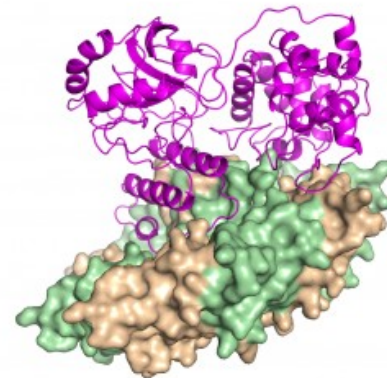


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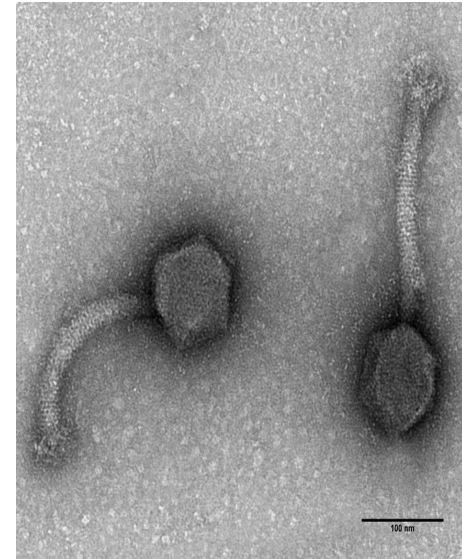
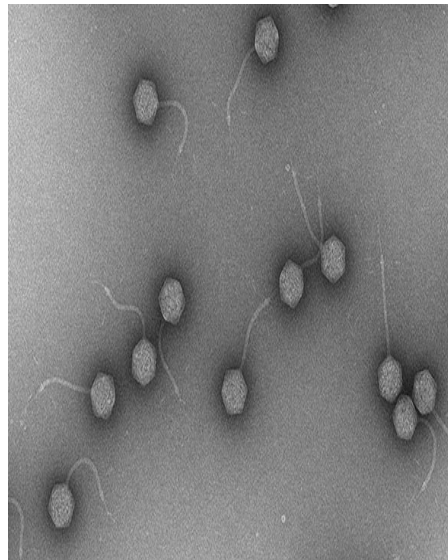
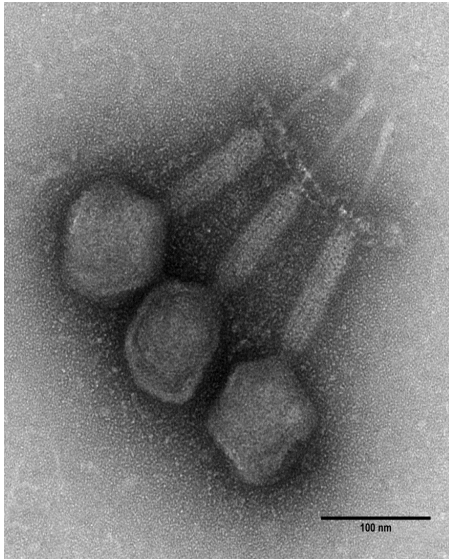
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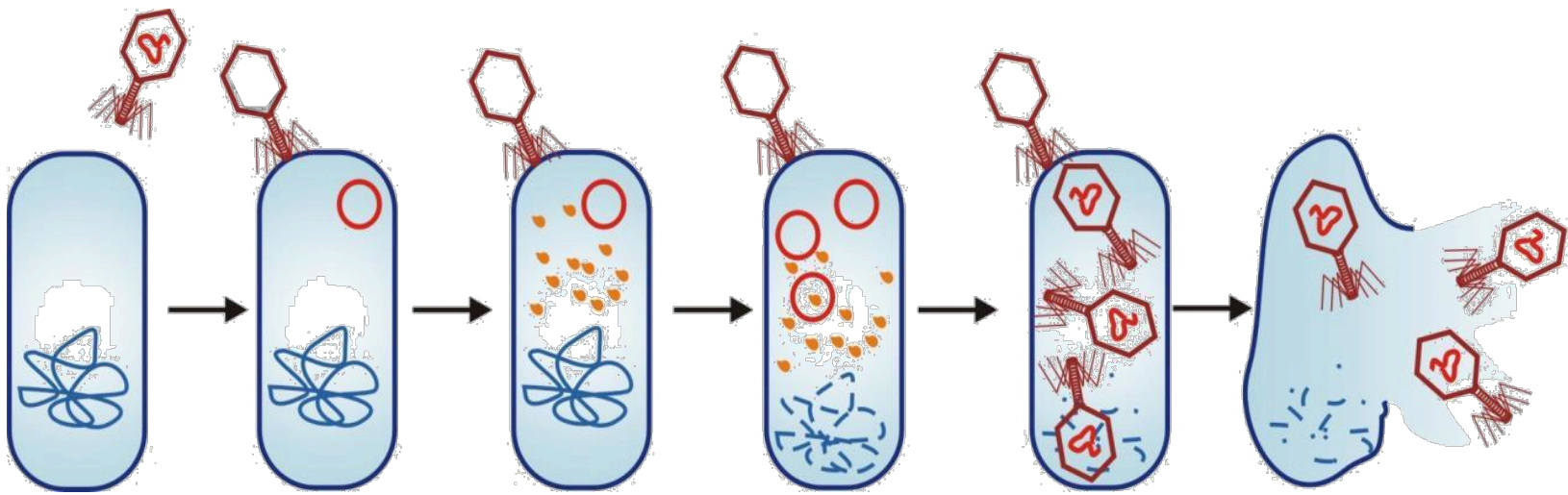
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The life cycle of lytic bacteriophages



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Natural bactericidal power of bacteriophage



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Brief History of Phage Therapy

1919

First success

- 5 children suffering from dysentery (d'Hérelle, Necker hospital, Paris)

Brief History of Phage Therapy

1920's to 1950's

150 publications/year (successes and failures)

- typhoid fever (*S. enterica typhi* and *paratyphi*)
- urinary tract infection (mainly *E. coli*)
- dysentery (diverse *Shigella*)
- bubonic pestis (*Y. pestis*)
- cholera (*V. cholerae*)
- *S. aureus* and *S. pneumoniae* infections

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La thérapeutique des staphylococcies par le bactériophage

Thèse

présentée à la Faculté de Médecine de l'Université de Lausanne
pour l'obtention du grade de docteur en médecine

par

JEAN-PIERRE FEIHL

Médecin diplômé de la Confédération suisse

1949

1923: Eliava Institute in Tbilisi, Georgia.



Brief History of Phage Therapy

Since then

- decline of phage therapy to antibiotherapy.
- last phage preparations available in 1978 on French pharmacy stock lists
- since 30 years, isolated cases of phage therapy treatment in the occidental world (companionate treatment)

Widely used in Georgia, Poland, Russia.

Eliava Phage Therapy Center (2010)



2012-2014

- 3'238 patients (37 hospitalized foreigners + 18 treated abroad)
- Phage preparations sent to 231 patients
- >90% success rate

Phage Therapy Unit, Wroclaw (2005)



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THERAPEUTIC USE OF BACTERIOPHAGES IN BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

Common use of antibiotics in the developed world has resulted in the emergence of bacterial strains, which are highly resistant to virtually all available antimicrobial agents (*Nature* 2002, 418, 469). As a result, in most infections induced by such bacteria even intensive antibiotic therapy is ineffective. This creates a serious therapeutic problem. Therefore, we observe a growing interest in the use of bacteriophages in medical practice. Since 1980 the specific bacteriophages have been used in our Laboratory for the treatment of over 1500 patients with suppurative bacterial infections, in which a routine antibiotic therapy failed. The results obtained so far showed that phage therapy is safe and highly effective (the majority of patients were cured). Phage therapy may be applied to all patients from whom isolated bacterial strains show full sensitivity to specific phages. Of particular importance is that two pathogens: *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which most frequently cause infections, were found to be sensitive to specific phages in more than 80% of cases.

Our Laboratory possesses over 300 specific bacteriophage strains active against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia*, *Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter*, *Proteus* and *Pseudomonas*.

We offer:

- isolation and identification of bacterial strains from the specimens of patients,
- determination of sensitivity of the isolated strains to specific bacteriophages,
- preparation of phage lysates for a therapeutic treatment.

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Registered Clinical Trials

Phage Therapy Unit, Wroclaw

153 patients from 2008 to 2010 admitted with various infections due to multidrug resistant bacteria

Category of response to treatment	Genital and urinary tract infections in men ^a (n = 29)		Genital and urinary tract infections in women ^b (n = 22)		Soft tissue infections ^c (n = 30)		Skin infections ^d (n = 10)		Orthopedic infections ^e (n = 37)		Respiratory tract infections ^f (n = 24)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
A - pathogen eradication and/or recovery	11	37.9	3	13.6	5	16.7	0	0.0	7	18.9	2	8.3
B - good clinical result	2	6.9	0	0.0	2	6.7	2	20.0	3	8.1	3	12.5
C - clinical improvement	1	3.4	5	22.7	4	13.3	1	10.0	7	18.9	2	8.3
D - questionable clinical improvement	2	6.9	0	0.0	2	6.7	0	0.0	3	8.1	3	12.5
E - transient clinical improvement	5	17.2	4	18.2	8	26.7	5	50.0	8	21.6	3	12.5
F - no response to treatment	8	27.6	10	45.5	6	20.0	1	10.0	7	18.9	7	29.2
G - clinical deterioration	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	10.0	1	10.0	2	5.4	4	16.7
Good response (total A–C):	14	48.3	8	36.4	11	36.7	3	30.0	17	45.9	7	29.2
Inadequate response (total D–G):	15	51.7	14	63.6	19	63.3	7	70.0	20	54.1	17	70.8

Miedzybrodski et al. Clinical Aspects of Phage Therapy. 2012. Elsevier
Advances in Virus Research, vol. 83, Part B, Bacteriophage, chapter 3: 74-119

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High renewed interest in phage therapy

but

phages should go through the same process as any medicine

i.e. clinical trials with GMP produced phages

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EudraCT 2004-001691-39, Biocontrol Ltd. (Amplphi Bioscience corp. subsidiary)

A controlled clinical trial of a therapeutic bacteriophage preparation in chronic otitis due to antibiotic-resistant *P. aeruginosa*; a preliminary report of efficacy

Wright, A et al. Clin. Otolaryngol. 2009; Vol 34:349-357

Design

- Placebo-controlled, randomized, double-blind phase I/II
- Topical single dose of phage cocktail
- 6 phages anti *P. aeruginosa* @ $6 \cdot 10^5$ pfu/mL
- Follow up 7, 21, and 42 days post-treatment

Participants

- 24 patients with chronic otitis (2-58 years)

Results

- No adverse events related to phage treatment
- Clinical indicators (main outcome) improved in phage group
- *P. aeruginosa* counts (secondary outcome) decreased in phage group

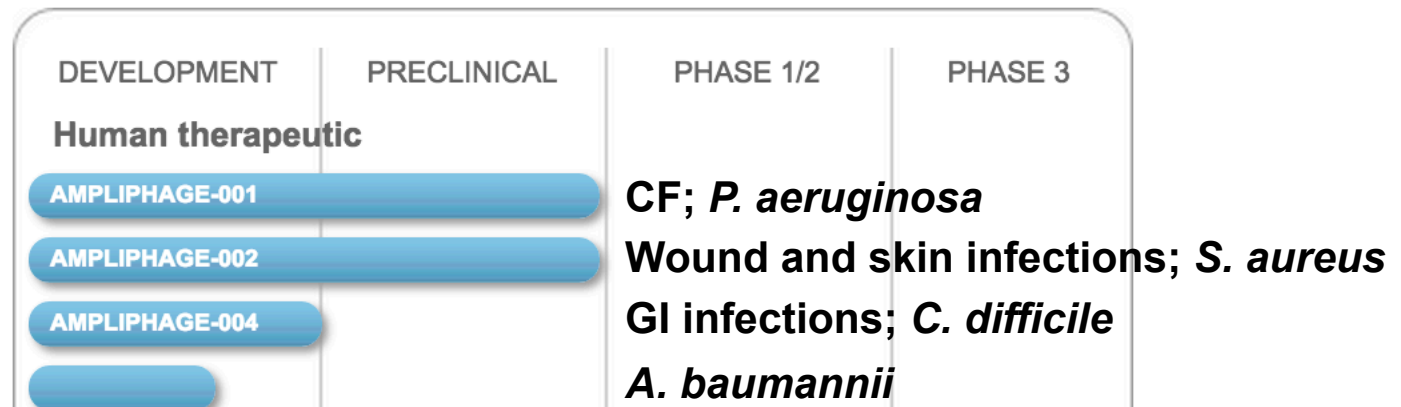
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Innovative Solutions for
Antibiotic Resistance

Infection control, amplified

AmpliPhi's product development pathway



The Company's leading bacteriophage therapeutic programs target areas of significant unmet clinical need, and its proprietary technology has additional applications for the treatment of a broad range of serious infections.

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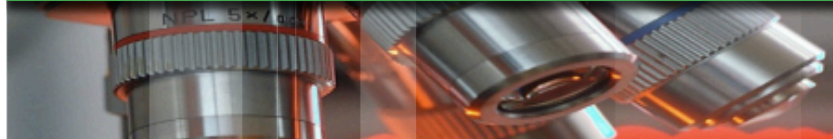
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Targets *Shigella* species in the gastrointestinal tract. This product is in development.

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Targets *Clostridium perfringens* in live poultry. This product has been licensed out.

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Bacteriophage therapy of venous leg ulcers in humans: results of a phase I safety trial

Rhoads et al. J. of. Wound Care; Vol 18. N°6, June 2009

Design

- 8 phages (*S. aureus*, *P. aeruginosa*, *E. coli*) @ $5 \cdot 10^8$ PFU/mL
- Topical once a week for 12 weeks

Participants

- 39 patients with chronic leg ulcers

Results

- No adverse events related to phage treatment

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Antibacterial treatment against diarrhea in oral rehydration solution

Vandenheuvel et al. *Annu. Rev. Virol.* 2015, 2:11.1-11.20

Design

- Randomized, double-blind and placebo controlled Phase I/II trial
- T4-like phage cocktail
- Oral, twice daily over 4 days

Participants

- 120 children with acute *E.coli*-related diarrhea

Results

- No adverse events related to phage treatment
- No significant differences on quantitative diarrhea parameters

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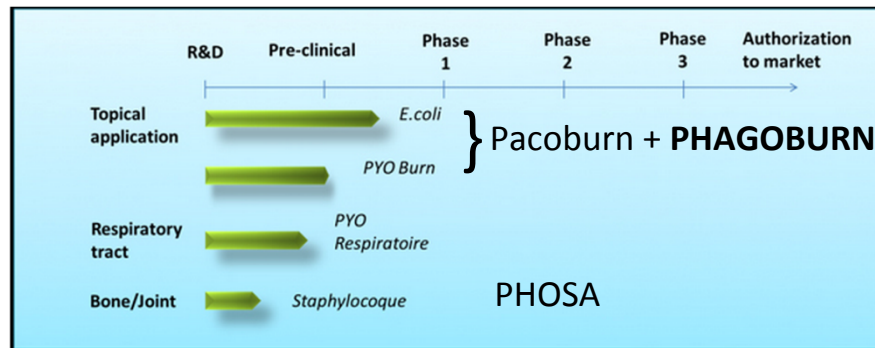
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Development prospects

The following drug development pipeline illustrates Company's product development stage.



Pherecydes Pharma drug development pipeline

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Evaluation of phage therapy for the treatment of *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa* wound infections in burned patients

Phase I/II randomized, multicentric, open label, standard of care-controlled
with GMP produced phages

Objective

- Assess tolerance and efficacy of 2 topical phage cocktails

Study Population

- 220 hospitalized adults with 3rd degree burn wounds infected with *E. coli* or *P. aeruginosa*

Primary outcome

- Time from D0 to 2 quadrants reduction in pathogen load

Coordinator



Promoter and co-coordinator



International co-investigators

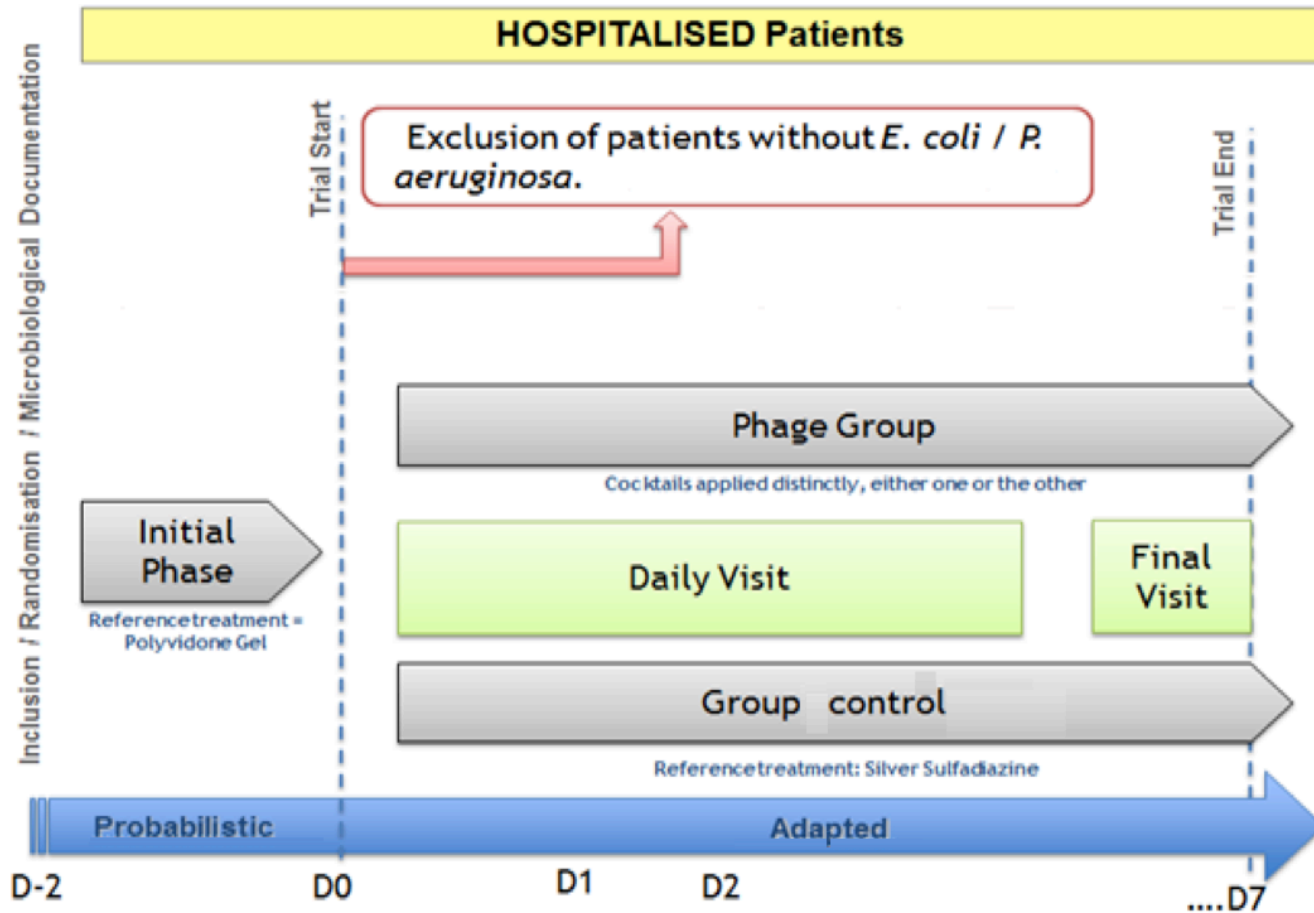


Sub-contractors



4 arms

- *P. aeruginosa* treated with phage cocktail (55 patients) or SOC (55 patients)
- *E. coli* treated with phage cocktail (55 patients) or SOC (55 patients)



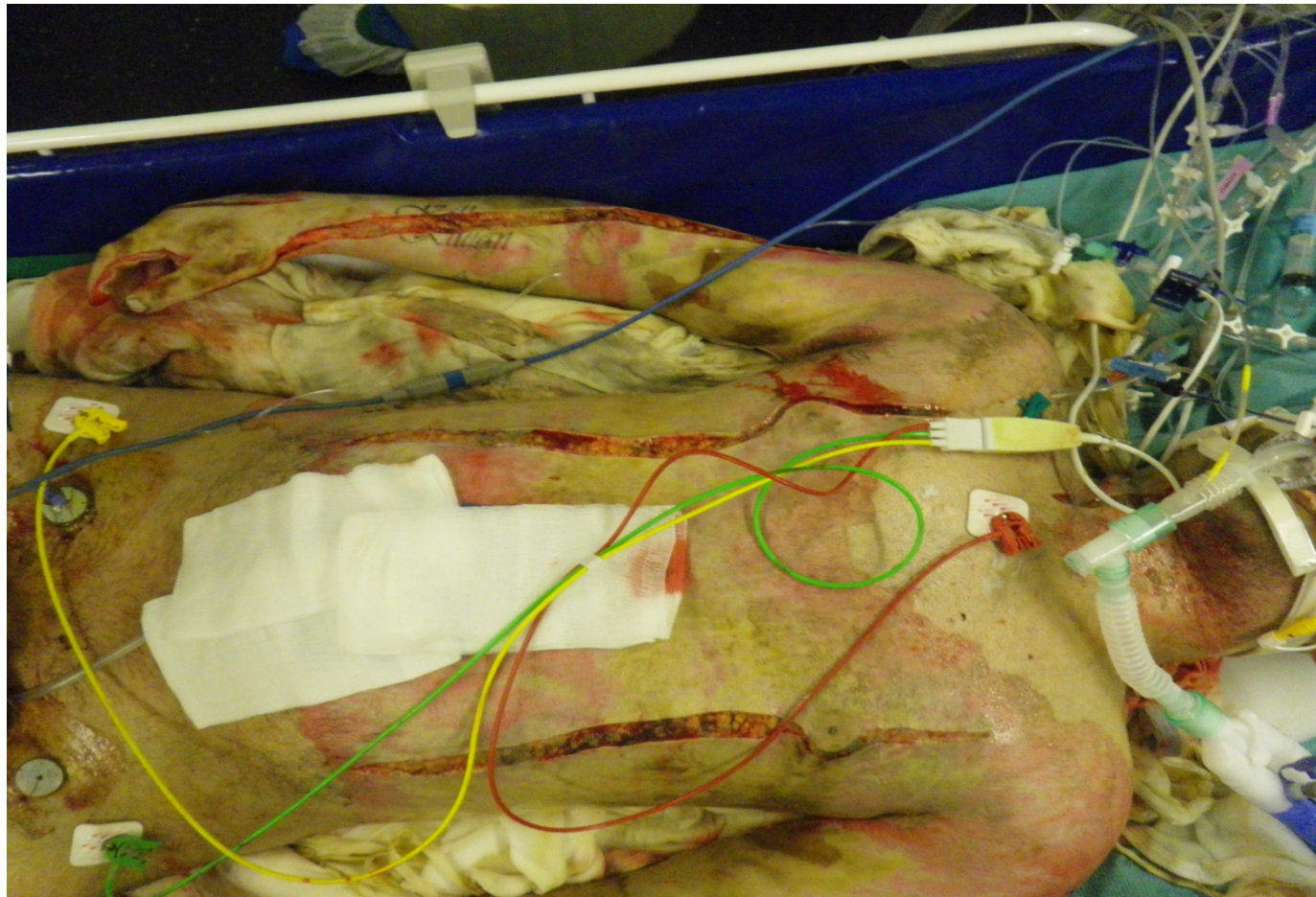
- ✓ Phage cocktails produced in GMP conditions
 - ✓ 12 phages for *E. coli*
 - ✓ 13 phages for *P. aeruginosa*
- ✓ Approval of trial by the 3 National Authorities and Ethical Committees
- ✓ 07/21/2015: First inclusion (France)
- ✓ Results in one year

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P. aeruginosa infections in BICUs

Example of MDR development : Pan-resistance

> 90% TBSA



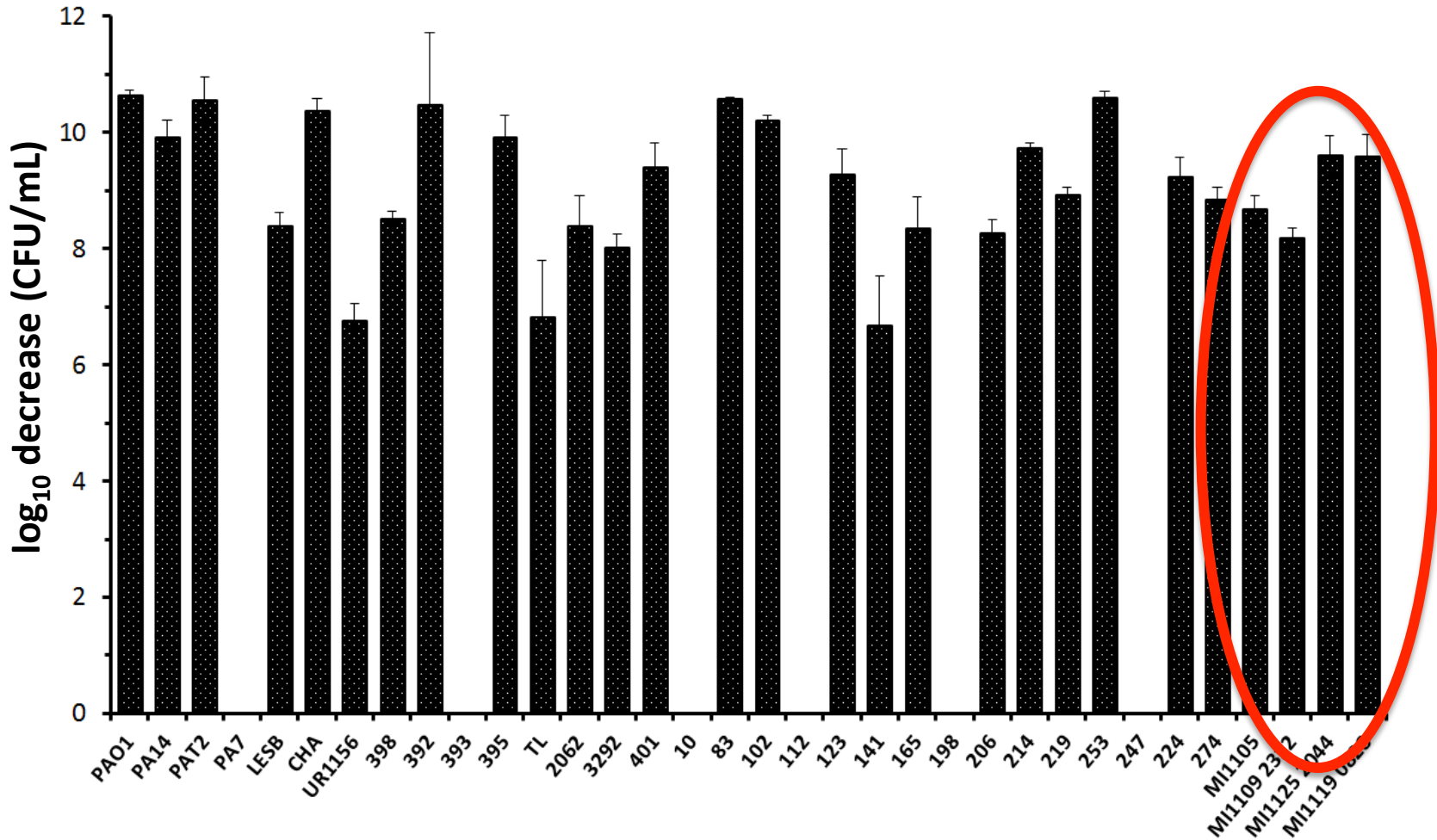
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Antibiograms	Feb. 04 2013	Apr. 02 2013	Apr. 25 2013	Apr. 29 2013	May 01 2013
Pipéracillin-tazobactam	S	R	R	R	R
Ceftazidime	S	R	R	R	R
Cefepime	S	R	R	R	R
Imipenem	R	R	R	R	R
Meropenem	I	R	R	R	R
Aztreonam	I	R	R	R	R
Amikacin	S	S	R	R	R
Gentamicin	S	R	R	R	R
Tobramycin	S	S	R	R	R
Colistin	S	S	S	S	R
Co-trimoxazole	R	R	R	R	R
Ciprofloxacin	S	S	R	R	R
Levofloxacin	S	R	R	R	R

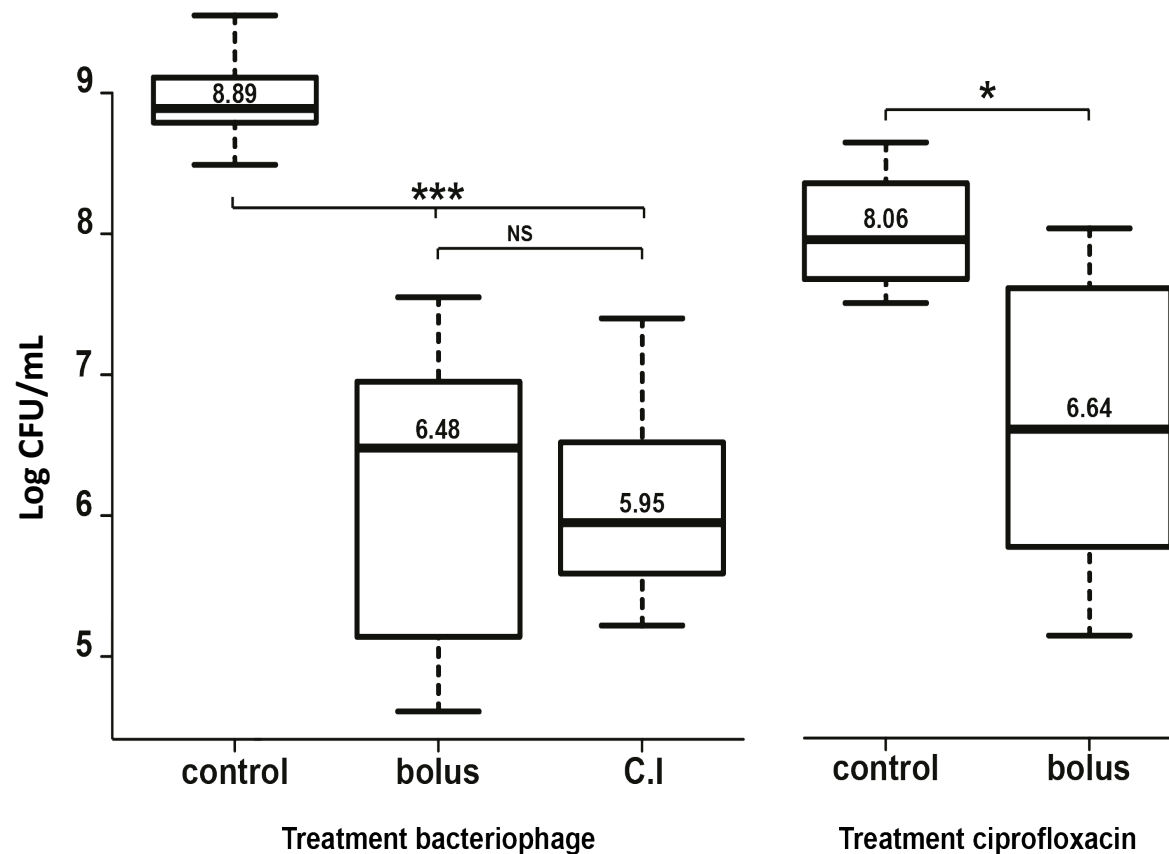
May 1st 2013
214 days after injury
DEATH



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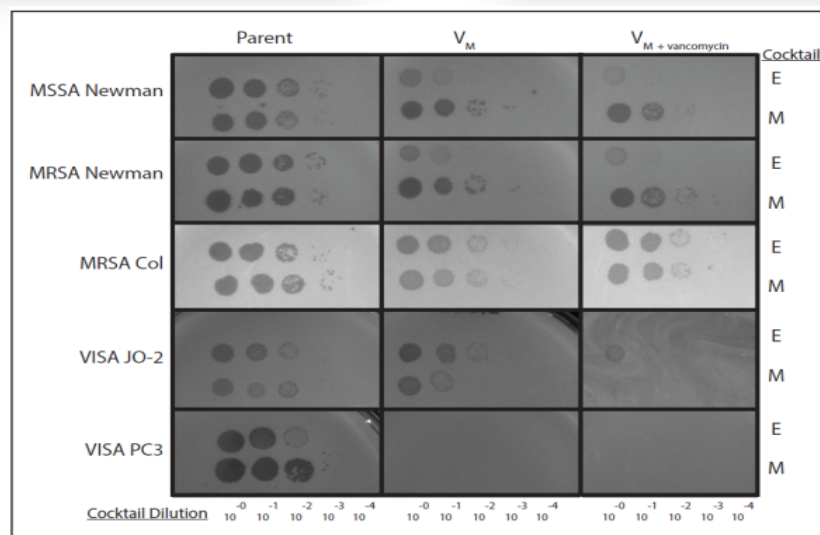
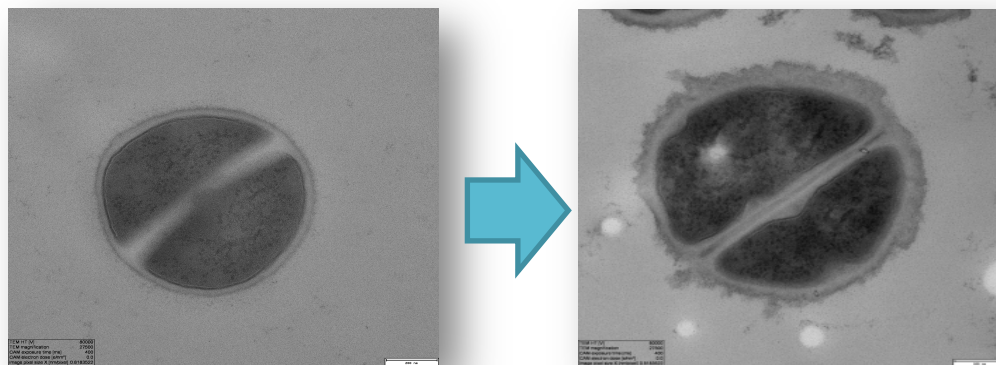
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Phage Therapy vs Antibiotherapy in Experimental Endocarditis



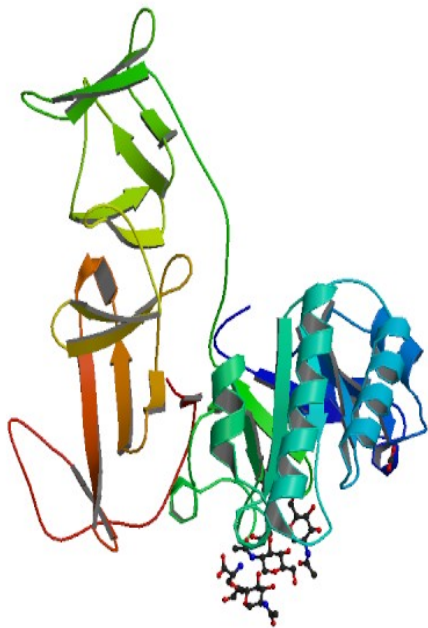
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Shawna McCallin (Poster C-1069), Sunday 11am to 2pm Phage-Antibiotic Combination: The Case of Vancomycin

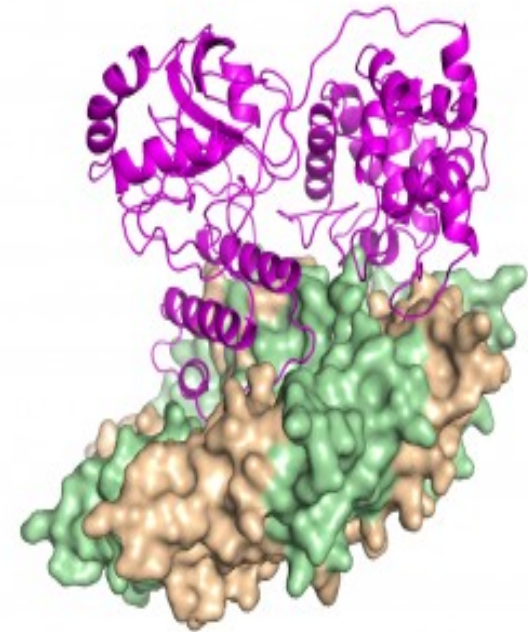


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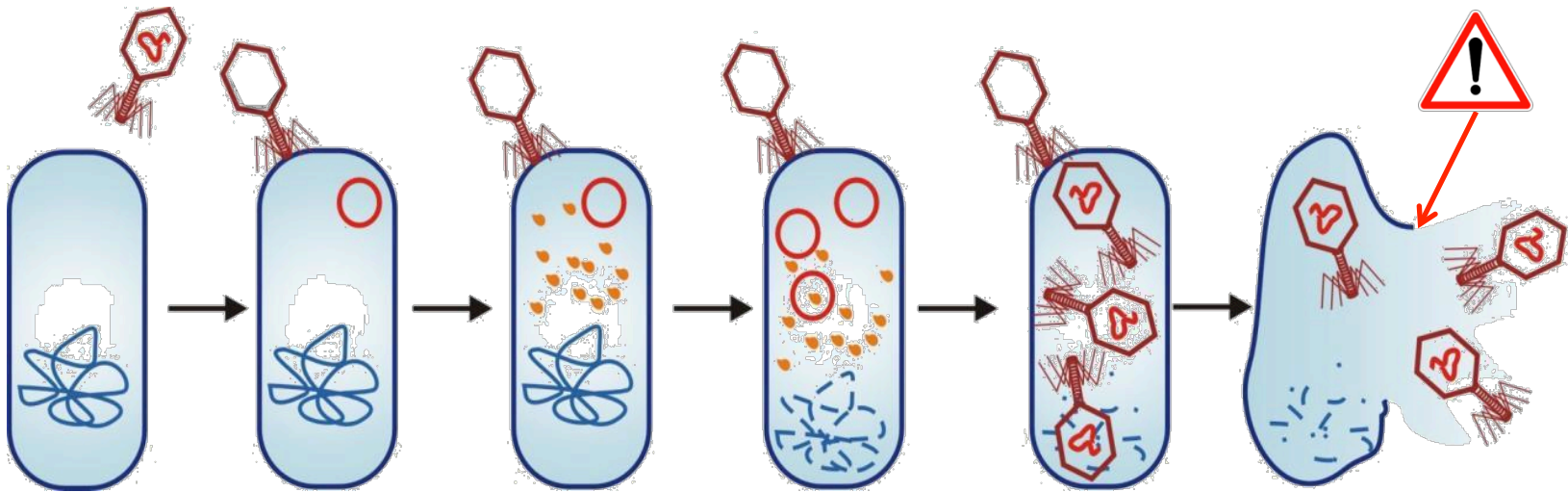
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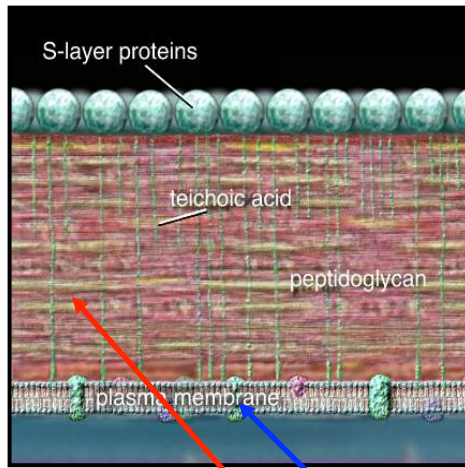


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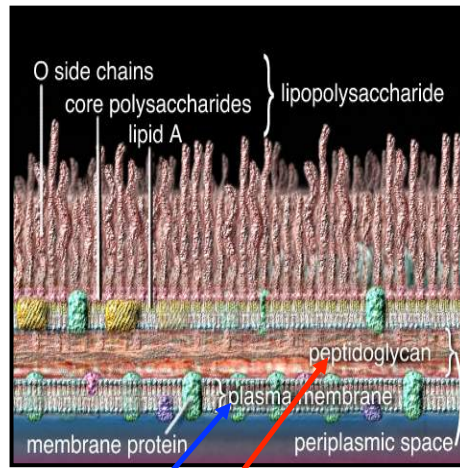
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The Holin-Lysin enzymatic system

Surrounding media



Gram+

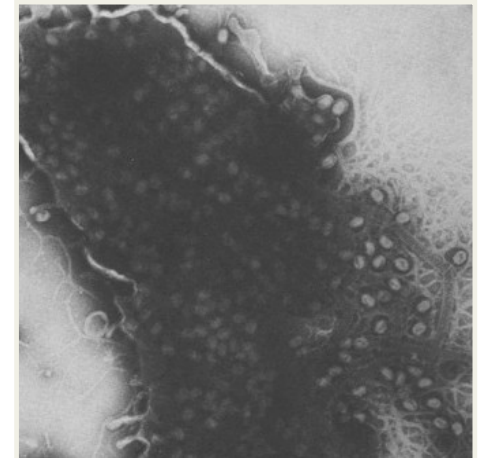


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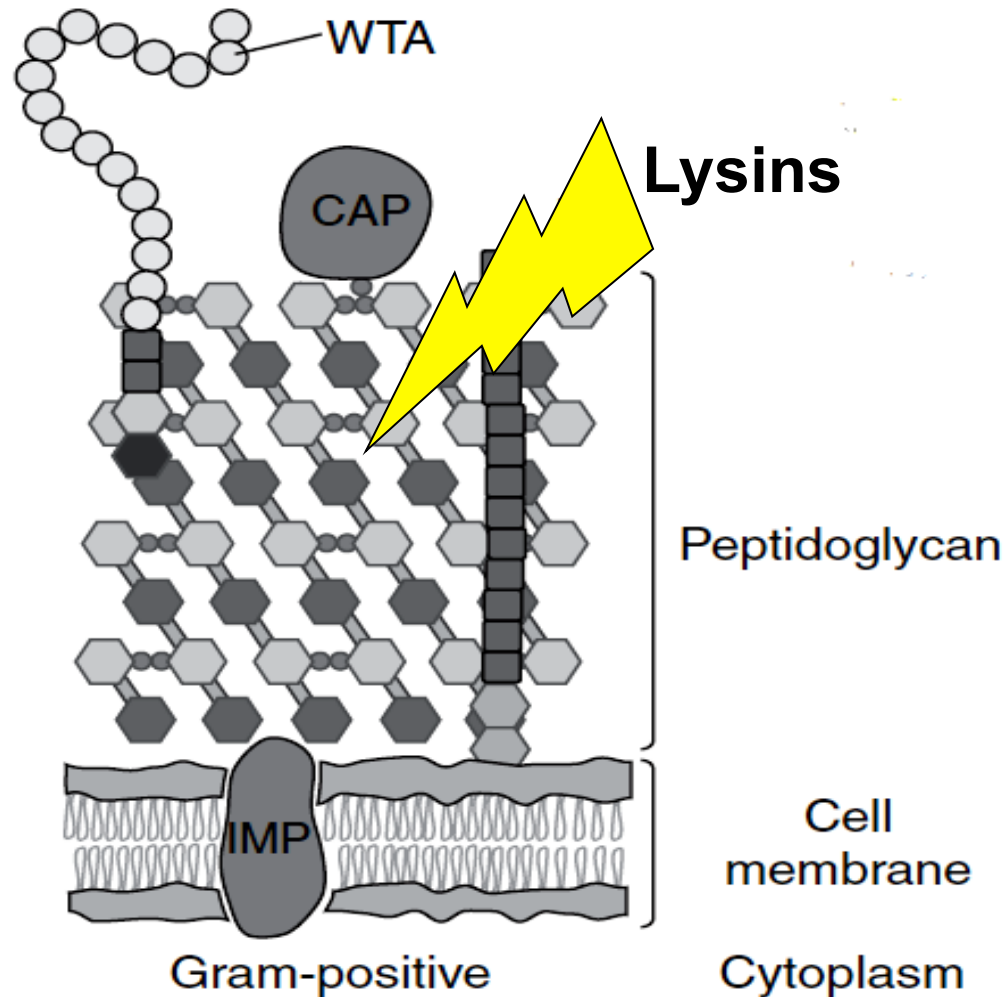
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Cytoplasm



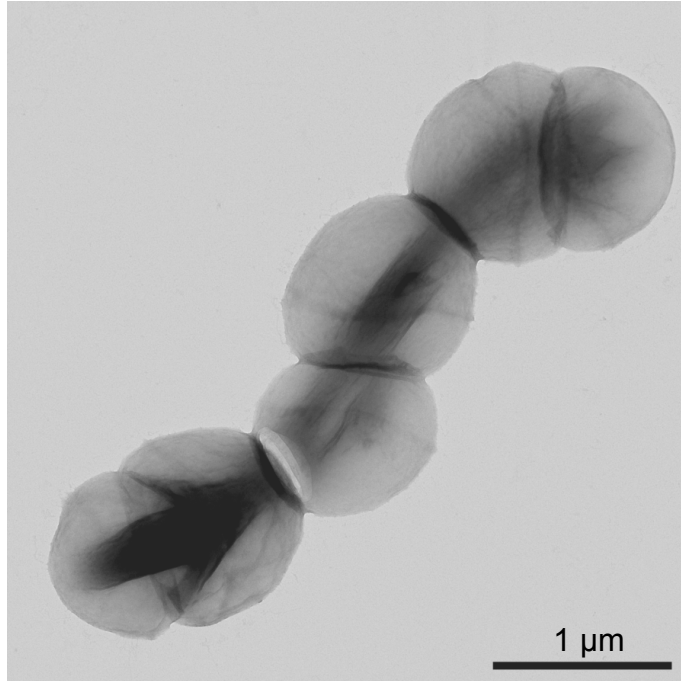
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Purified Lysins on Gram+ = lysis from the outside

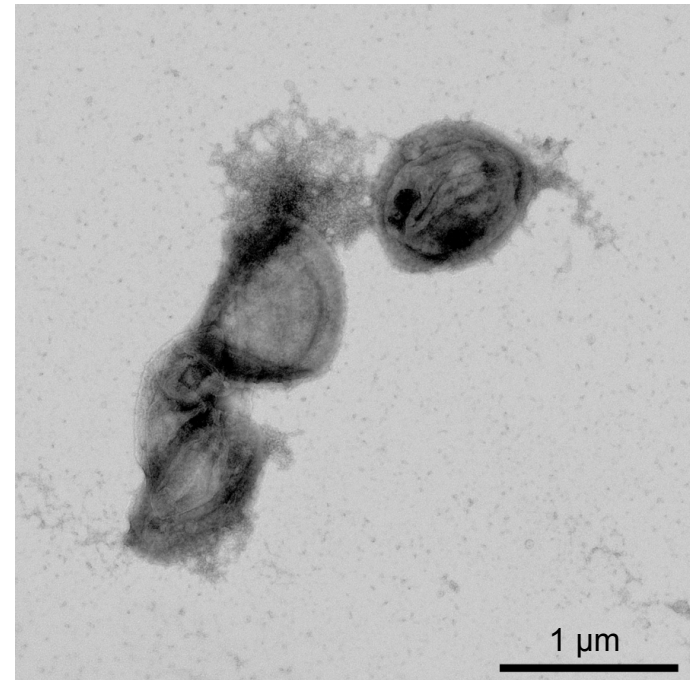


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PlySK1249 *in vitro* activity



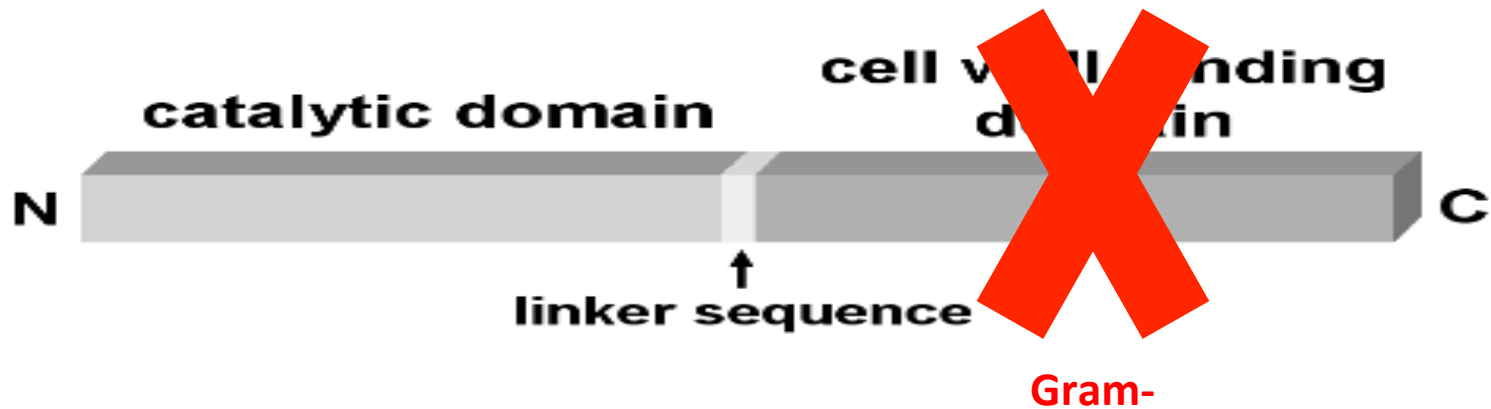
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Oechslin et al. AAC. 2013 Dec;57(12):676-83

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Exceptions exist

PlyC multimeric (1 plyCA + 8 plyBC)

Nelson et al. PNAS. 2006 Jul 11;103(28):10765-70

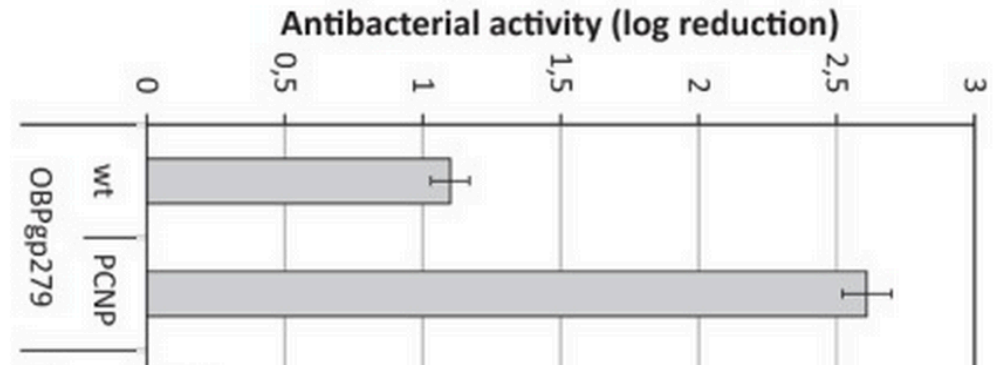
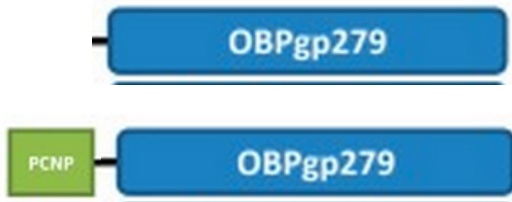
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Lysins active against Gram-

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Natural lysins (*PlyF307*)

Novel phage lysin capable of killing the multidrug-resistant Gram- *Acinetobacter baumannii* in a mouse bacteremia model

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- High specificity
- Act in seconds or minutes
- Not neutralized by antibodies
- Can be engineered (chimera, dimers)
- Synergy with antibiotics
 - Cpl-1+daptomycin. Vouillamoz et al. IJAA. 2013 Nov;42(5):416-21

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Condition

Healthy Volunteers

Anti-Bacterial Agents

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

Design

- Randomized, double-blind Phase I
- Continuous intravenous infusion over 60 minutes

Participants

- 36 healthy male volunteers (20-45 years old)

Results

- No adverse events
- Ready for Phase II

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Lysins

CF-301 - *S. aureus* - Complicated Bacteremia

CF-303 - *S. pneumoniae*

CF-304 - *E. faecalis* and *E. faecium*

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Poster F-290b
today, 12 to 2pm
Schuch R.

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A Phase 1, Placebo-Controlled, Dose-Escalating Study to Examine the Safety and Tolerability of Single Intravenous Doses of **CF-301** in Healthy Subjects.

Condition	Intervention	Phase
Staphylococcus Aureus Bloodstream Infections (BSI; Bacteremia)	Drug: CF-301 Drug: Placebo	Phase 1

Granted FDA Fast Track

Design

- Randomized, double-blind, dose-escalating Phase I
- Intravenous injection of single doses

Participants

- 24 healthy volunteers

Conclusions

Take home messages

Phages and Phage Lysins are promising new antibacterial agents

Things are currently moving fast in both fields in the West

- significant clinical trials are ongoing



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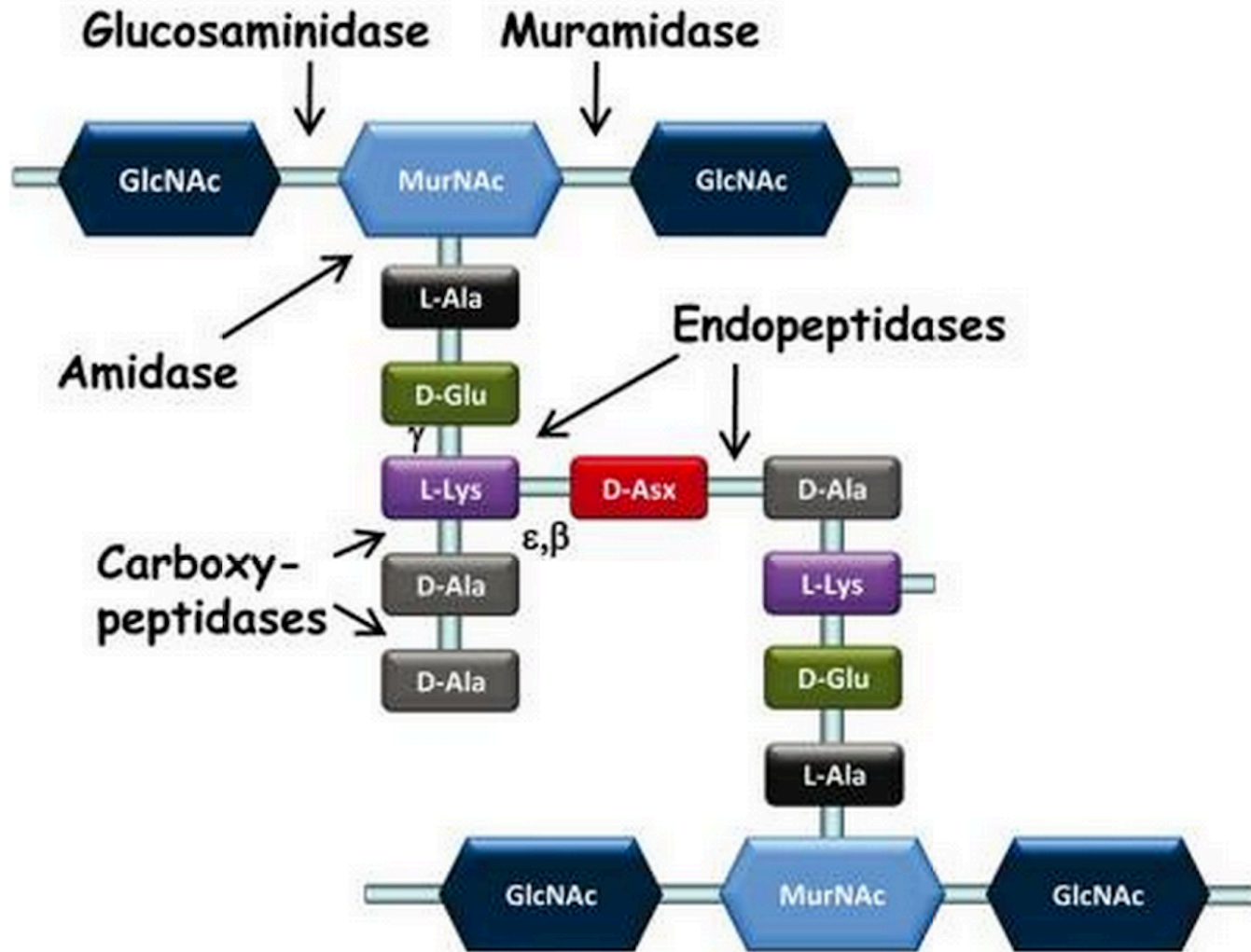


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